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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR

1971

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEATLH.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Report of the health and environmental conditions of the Northam Urban District for the year 1971.

E. WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	3,833
Population (Registrar-General's Mid Year Estimate)	8,070
Population at 1971 Census	7,997
Rateable Value (as at April 1st, 1971)	£282,272
Product of a Penny Rate (Year 1971,72)	£2,832
General Rate in the £ for Year 1971/72	74½p
Number of Inhabited Houses (as at 1st April, 1971)	3,328
Number of Council Houses (as at 31st December, 1971)	368
Density of Persons Per House	2.40

VITAL STATISTICS

Births; Area Comparability Factor	1.46
Deaths; Area Comparability Factor	0.58

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	84
Rate per 1,000 population	10.4
Rate per 1,000 population, adjusted by Comp. factor	15.2
Illegitimate live births per cent of Total live births	6
Birth Rate - England & Wales per 1,000 population	16

STILL BIRTHS

Number	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0
Total live and still births	84
Infant death (death under 1 year)	Nil

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	Nil
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	Nil
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	Nil
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)	Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including Abortions)

Number of deaths	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0
Deaths	143
Death rate per 1,000 population	17.7
Death rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comp. factor	10.3
Death rate - England & Wales per 1,000 population	11.6

BIRTHS

During the year there were 84 births which was 4 more than occurred in 1970.

Live Births:-

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	41	38	79
Illegitimate	4	1	5
			84

Still births:-

No still births were notified during the year.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of Urban District residents during the year was 143.

Males	Females	Total
72	71	143

Death Rate: per 1,000 population (adjusted) 10.3.
Death Rate: England & Wales per 1,000 population (adjusted) 11.6

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

No deaths of infants under 1 year of age was reported.

Maternal Mortality

No deaths of mothers in childbirth occurred during the year.

Cancer Deaths

There were 29 deaths due to cancer as compared with 36 in 1970.

	Males	Females
Buccal Cavity	1	0
Oesophagus	1	0
Stomach	1	2
Intenstine	1	1
Lungs and Brochus	5	4
Uterus	0	4
Prostate	1	0
Breast	0	0
Leukaemia	0	0
Others	5	3
	15	14

Infectious Diseases

During the year 20 cases of infectious diseases were notified.

Measles	16
Non-pulmonacy Tuberculosis	2
Pulmonacy Tuberculosis	2

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

CAUSE OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971 IN NORTHAM U.D.C.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75- and over
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	-											
	F	1											1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	1											1
	F	-											
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1										1	
	F	-											
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1										1	
	F	2										1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	1											1
	F	1											1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	5								1	2	1	1
	F	4								2	1	1	
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	4									1	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1										1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5										3	2
	F	3				1						1	1
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	M	1										1	
	F	1										1	
Avitaminoses, etc.	M	-											
	F	1											1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	-											
	F	2									1		1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-											
	F	1										1	
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1											1
	F	1											1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1											1
	F	-											
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	26									2	12	12
	F	16										4	12
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	1											1
	F	4											4
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5									1	2	2
	F	18										2	16
Other diseases of Circulatory System	M	5										2	3
	F	3									1		2
Pneumonia	M	5										3	2
	F	5										1	4

CAUSE OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971 IN NORTHAM U.D. (continued)

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and Under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75- and over
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	7									1	3	3
	F	-											
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-											
	F	1											1
Peptic Ulcer	M	1											1
	F	-											
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	-											
	F	1											1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	2				1			1				
	F	-											
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	1											1
	F	1											1
All Other Accidents	M	1											1
	F	-											
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	M	-											
	F	1											1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	72				1			1	1	6	30	33
	F	71				1			-	2	4	14	50

National Assistance Act, 1947

This Act is concerned with the compulsory removal of elderly persons who are in need of care and attention to County Welfare Homes.

No action was taken under this Act during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. Immunisation and Vaccination

Protective immunisation and vaccination against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, smallpox and poliomyelitis are undertaken by the General Practitioners and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics.

There are two Infant Welfare Clinics in the Urban District; one at Northam and one at Appledore. Clinics are held fortnightly.

2. Meals on Wheels

A meals on wheels service is provided for the aged in the North Devon area, prepared at Fairlea County Welfare Home. Approximately 38 meals are prepared twice weekly and are delivered by the Women's Voluntary Service.

3. Infectious Diseases

There is an Infectious Diseases section at the Kingsley Hospital, Bideford which serves Northam as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

4. Smallpox

All smallpox cases are sent to LISKEARD Smallpox Hospital, Plymouth. The Ambulance Service will provide transport for smallpox cases. Telephone Number: Plymouth 64101.

5. County Welfare Home

There is one Country Welfare Home for the aged at "Fairlea", Northam.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my seventh annual report on the administration of the environmental health of the Urban District of Northam for the year 1971.

I would like to thank members of the Council and Staff for their support during the year and I am indebted to the Public Health Department of Bideford Borough Council for their assistance with a locum arrangement while I am absent from the district.

I am,
Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
C.J. UTTING.

COMPLAINTS

There follows an analysis of all complaints of nuisances, etc., received from members of the Public during the year:

Rats and Mice	106
Choked Drains and Sewers	42
Insects	30
Housing Defects	22
Smell	19
Noise	9
Refuse Disposal	9
Atmospheric Pollution	8
Infectious Diseases etc.	7
Unsatisfactory Food Premises	7
Overcrowding	4
Drinking Water Pollution	3
Rabbits	3
Dirty Premises	2
Unsatisfactory Caravan Sites	2
Welfare	2
Unsatisfactory Food	3 *
Mink Infestation	1
Offices and Shop Workers' Welfare	1
Unsatisfactory Sanitation	1
Unsuitable Holiday Accommodation	1

A record of complaints over the last seven years is as follows:-

1965	117
1966	149
1967	211
1968	297
1969	301
1970	338
1971	282

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

On 24th June, 1971, Parliament issued a Bill stating that all Improvement Grant Approvals issued between 24th June, 1971 and 23rd June, 1973, should be 75% of the approved expense, up to a maximum of £1500, instead of 50% up to a maximum of £1,000.

Standard Grants

At 50% - Before 24th June, 1971

No applications received
No approvals issued
No grants paid

At 75% - After 24th June, 1971

No. of Applications	5
No. of Approvals	5
Amount of Total Grants Approved	£1,682.50
No. of Grants Paid	1
Amount of Grants Paid	£23.46

Discretionary Grants

At 50% - Before 24th June, 1971

No. of Applications	10
No. of Approvals	12
Amount of Total Grants Approved	£9,071.58
No. of Grants Paid	17
Amount of Grants Paid	£10,853,93

At 75% - After June 24th, 1971

No. of Applications	17
No. of Approvals	16
Amount of Total Grants Approved	£16,284.64
No. of Grants Paid	1
Amount of Grants Paid	£144.00

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS DURING THE YEAR ENDING 1971

GENERAL:	
Drainage	182
Stables and Piggeries	2
Animal Boarding	2
Caravan/Camping Sites	16
Rent Acts	21
Factories	5
Public Conveniences	2
Insect Pests	9
Refuse Disposal	10
Pest Control (Rats and Mice)	36
Clean Air	8
Shops and Offices	32
Noise	10
Miscellaneous Visits	35
UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	
Premises	42
Re-visit paid to above premises	24
UNDER HOUSING ACTS	
Houses	51
Re-visits paid to above houses	28
Improvement Grants	286
OVERCROWDING	
Houses	4
FILTHY OR VERMINOUS PREMISES	
Houses	7
Re-visits paid to above houses	3
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	73
INFECTIOUS DISEASES	
Disinfection	5
MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION	
Hotels	3
Bakers and Confectioners	13
Butchers	7
Dairies and Milk Distributors	10
Food Preparing Premises	6
Fried Fish Shops	5
Grocers	17
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	2
Ice-cream Premises	8
Market Stalls	1
Restaurants	8
Street Vendors and Hawkers' Carts	5
Institutions	2
Slaughterhouses	1
Shops and Stalls	3
VISITS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLING OF:-	
Ice-Cream	30
Water	1
Miscellaneous Food Visits	7
No Access	61
TOTAL	1083

NOTICES SERVED

No. of Informal Notices Served	44
No. of Informal Notices Complied With	22
No. of Statutory Notices Served	33
No. of Statutory Notices Complied With	6

Water Supply

The water supply in the district is undertaken by the North Devon Water Board and has been satisfactory in bacteriological quality. Throughout the year the North Devon Water Board have taken a total of 46 bacteriological samples of drinking water, all of which have been examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, and 41 were found to be satisfactory. The 5 unsatisfactory samples were probably due to contamination by the sampling process and where a further sample was taken, the result was satisfactory. During the summer the quantity of water was found to be insufficient for periods of short duration. This is considered to be due to the large influx of holidaymakers in the area when the population rises to an estimated residential total of 18,000.

It is recommended that Local Authorities also arrange for independent sampling of supplies but no samples have been taken this year.

Only very few houses are known to be without a water supply direct into the house.

Swimming Pools

There are eight swimming pools in the area, including two school pools which are supervised by the County Council, plus two children's paddling pools. Visits are normally made to these pools during the summer months and the pool supervisors are advised on the proper chlorination, filtration and clarity, etc. Where necessary, the swimming pool water is tested to establish the correct dosage of chlorine. In order to economize on the costs of sampling, no bacteriological samples were submitted for examination and visits were made only after complaints had been received and not as a matter of routine.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The facilities for disposal of sewage in the area, either by untreated discharge to the river or sea, or by septic tank treatment and land drainage, are generally unsatisfactory. The existing main sewers are continually being enlarged as new housing estates are developed and, under certain conditions, are subject to a surcharge.

The Council's Consulting Engineers are at present carrying out a detailed survey of the sewerage in the area and it is intended to pump all sewage into the sea after maceration.

Caravan Sites

There are 13 licensed caravan sites in the district varying in size from 1 to 200. Residential caravans are permitted on 6 sites. The Council is responsible for the control of caravan sites by the issue of a licence to which there is attached general conditions. These conditions refer to number, site density, spacing, fire fighting, sanitary accommodation, good order, etc. Visits have been made only after receipt of a complaint.

Caravan Sites (contined)

Maximum permitted number of licensed caravans	993
Maximum permitted number of holiday caravans	891
Actual number of holiday caravans	896
Maximum permitted number of residential caravans	102
Actual number of residential caravans	100

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The part of this legislation that is enforced by the Council covers the health, safety and welfare of people who are employed in offices and shops. The Act deals with cleanliness, overcrowding, lighting, temperature, sanitary accommodation, ventilation and safety.

Accidents: All accidents that occur must be notified to the Council and an investigation must take place to establish the cause so that a recurrence may be prevented.

No notifications were received this year.

Exemptions: Application can be made for exemption from the requirements of the Act concerning space, temperature, sanitary convenience and washing facilities.

No applications were received this year.

Registration and General Inspection

Premises	New Registrations	Total Number of Registered Premises	Number of Premises Inspected
Offices	-	4	-
Retail Shops	1	53	7
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering Establishments and Canteens	-	25	4
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	82	11

Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	Male	Female	Total
Offices	13	11	24
Retail Shops	34	76	110
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	0	0	0
Catering Establishments and canteens	85	228	313
Fuel Storage Depots	0	0	0
TOTALS	132	315	447

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Number of Contraventions Found	
4	Cleanliness	0
5	Overcrowding	1
6	Temperature	1
7	Ventilation	0
8	Lighting..	2
9	Sanitary Conveniences	0
10	Washing Facilities	3
11	Supply of Drinking Water	0
12	Clothing Accommodation	2
13	Sitting Facilities	0
14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	0
15	Eating Facilities	0
16	Floor, Passage and Stairs	3
17	Fencing Exposed Parts Machinery	0
18	Protection of Young Persons from Dangerous Machinery ..	0
19	Training of Young Persons Working at Dangerous Machinery	0
23	Prohibition of Heavy Work	0
24	First Aid	0
50	Information	1
	Other Matters	2
	TOTAL	15

Factories

The Council are responsible for securing the provision of cleanliness, overcrowding, lighting, temperature, sanitary accommodation, ventilation and drainage in all non-mechanical factories and the provision of sanitary accommodation in mechanical factories.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections, 1,2,3,4, and 6, are enforced by Local Authority	1	0	0	0
2. Factories not included in 1, in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	0	0	0
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	0	0	0

At present inspections are carried out only on complaint. No complaints have been received this year.

Outwork

Nature of Work	Number of Outworkers in Aug. list (s.110 1c.)	Section 110			Section 111	
		Number of cases in default in sending lists.	Number of Prosecutions for failure to send list.	Number of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	31	0	0	0	0	0

Animal Boarding Establishments

According to the Act of 1963, the Council are responsible for the licensing of boarding establishments for cats and dogs. A Licence is issued subject to the premises complying with conditions relating to the number and types of animals, construction and size of quarters, heating, ventilation, lighting, water supply, food storage, disposal of excreta, fire prevention and isolation facilities.

Only one establishment is licensed for a total of 15 dogs and 14 cats but a total not exceeding 23 animals. The premises are satisfactory and the licence has been renewed again this year.

Common Lodging Houses

A Local Authority is responsible for the registration of common lodging houses and the keepers so as to secure certain standards of accommodation.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Pest Control

A part-time Rodent Operative is now engaged to deal with the rodent population in the main sewers. A quarterly baiting programme of seventy-one manholes was carried out, using Fluoracetamide, in February, May and August. In December a Test Baiting, using Warfarin S.T., was undertaken and all manholes were clear of an infestation.

The 106 complaints of pests are as follows:-

Rats	= 80	Mice	= 26

Following complaints of rats and mice, the Rodent Operative visited and laid poison bait, making the necessary follow-up visits until the infestation had been cleared. All visits made to private properties are conducted free of charge.

Permanent checks are kept on the refuse tip on Northam Burrows, Clevelands Park Sewage Works and the irrigation field at Buckleigh.

All agricultural premises are inspected every six months in order to eradicate any rodent infestation.

No. of Agricultural Premises	30
No. of Agricultural Premises Infested with Rats	6
No. of Agricultural Premises Infested with Mice	1

Infestations at business premises, for which a charge is made, are summarized as follows:-

	Rats	Mice
Infestations at Business Premises	13	3

The visits made by the Rodent Operative are summarized as follows:-

	No. of Visits
Rats	476
Mice	155
Fleas	2
Flies	2

In connection with the above, 356 visits were made to domestic premises and 228 visits to business premises.

7 complete days were spent on sewer treatment, during the year.

FOOD CONTROL

1. Food Premises

The Food Hygiene legislation requires that the Council, from time to time, inspect premises where food is sold, stored or prepared for human consumption, in order to secure certain standards.

The following is a summary of Food Premises in the District that are subject to inspections:-

Groceries and General Provisions Shops	29
Restaurants, Canteens and Cafes	19
Licensed Premises	19
Hotels and Holiday Camps	21
Sweets and Confectionery Shops	12
Butchers' Shops	10
Greengrocers' Shops	3
Ice-cream Premises	39
Bread and Cake Shops	3
Dairies	2
Bakehouses	3
Fish Frying Shops	4
Public Entertainment Halls	2
Nursing Homes	5
Poultry Slaughterhouses	1
Food Preparing Premises	1
Ice Cream Factories	1
TOTAL	174

All the above premises comply with the provisions of Regulations 16 (wash-hand basins) and 19 (sinks) of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

2. Food Delivery Vehicles and Stalls, etc.

Regulations are in force dealing with vehicles, etc., where open food may be handled. Vehicles are required to be provided with sinks, wash-hand basins and hot water supplies. It is not generally known how many vehicles are operating in the area. Inspections have been carried out only after complaints have been made by the Public.

Estimated number of delivery vehicles, mobile shops, etc.	30
Number of Stalls	5

3. Food Sampling

a. Ice-Cream Control

Ice-cream is potentially a dangerous food and is subject to a very strict food hygiene control. 40 premises (excluding restaurants, etc.) are registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream including two premises manufacturing ice-cream. One small stall reconstitutes and freezes a complete cold mix for immediate sale and a small factory manufactures ice-cream for sale from four vans. The ice-cream is satisfactorily prepared and heat treated on the factory premises.

Because of the strict control on the bacteriological purity of ice-cream, samples are only taken from premises (including restaurants, etc.) where unwrapped ice-cream is handled. Contamination usually arises during the handling process from the rinse water used to clean the scoops and in most cases where the sample was unsatisfactory, either the sterilant had not been added or the rinse water was not replaced often enough.

Number of Premises handling unwrapped ice-cream	
Number of Bacteriological samples taken	10
Number of Bacteriological samples found to be unsatisfactory	0

The following tables shows a comparison of sampling results since 1965:-

Unsatisfactory Samples	
1965	19%
1966	12%
1967	16%
1968	5%
1969	No samples taken
1970	No samples taken
1971	0%

b. General Food and Drugs Sampling

The following samples were taken by the Devon County Council, being the statutory Food and Drugs Authority for this District.

Samples	No. Taken	Results
General food samples for genuine content	9	All satisfactory
General milk samples for fat content and non-fat milk solids	11	All satisfactory
Milk samples for Brucella organism	12	All satisfactory
Milk samples for keeping quality	9	All satisfactory
School milk samples for general purity	6	All satisfactory
School drinking water	4	All satisfactory
School swimming pool water	10	All satisfactory

I am indebted to the County Public Health Inspector for supplying me with the above information.

c. Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

These regulations require the pasteurisation of the liquid egg to be used in food intended for sale for human consumption, other than egg broken out on the food manufacturers' premises. Although there are no liquid egg pasteurisation plants in the district, liquid egg is used by two bakeries.

Samples of liquid egg can be taken from the bakeries for examination by the Alpha-Amylase test at the Taunton Public Health Laboratories but no samples were taken this year.

4. Unfit Food

If a person has in his possession, food that is intended for sale for human consumption but is unfit, then an offence has been committed and if any food is found that is unfit a Public Health Inspector has the power to seize the food and take it before a Justice of the Peace for an order of condemnation. This is a very rare occurrence and, in practice, there has developed a trade relationship where a Public Health Inspector is called to examine food and if the food is found to be unfit, it is then voluntarily surrendered for disposal.

During the year, 282lb. 10oz. of food has been inspected, found to be unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered for disposal by the Council.

5. Food Complaints

The Devon County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority for the District and there is a close liaison between the two Public Health Departments. All food complaints are referred to the County Council if action is considered necessary. The following complaints have been received during the year:-

Nature of Complaint	Action Taken
1) Milk, fat content	Found to be genuine, no action.
2) Loaf with wire embedded	Successful prosecution, fined £3.70 - Costs £7.00.
3) Canned milk	No action, complainant compensated.
4) Mould in sausage roll	Warning letter to vendor.
5) Mould in bread roll	Baker warned, complainant did not wish to make a statement.
6) Glass in cheese spread	No action, found to be Emulsifying Salts.
7) Mould in Slimcea loaf	Successful prosecution of manufacturer. fined £20.00 - Costs £4.70.

Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the district	2
Number of visits to these premises	0
Types and number of birds processed during the year:	
Chickens	660
Hens	250
Total	910
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	4% (estimated)
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	118lbs.

These premises should be processing birds under satisfactory conditions with the minimum of cruelty. Insufficient time is available for an inspection of the carcases during the slaughtering process and great reliance is placed on the processor for voluntary inspection and withdrawal of birds that are unfit for human consumption.